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**From:** **ORIGINAL** Ronald Thomas <tlomanager@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** APS and Smart Meters

Dear Commissioner Burns:

Please do not approve APS's plan to charge customers for opting out of using its "smart meters." Smart meters are not only dangerous because of all of the radiation they emit, but they also are a tool that can be used to invade customers' privacy. The smart meters are so sophisticated that they can enable APS to see which appliances (or lights, or anything else that runs on electricity, for that matter) in a given home are used, how often they are used, and what time of day they are used. Even worse, APS can actually adjust a person's air conditioning unit or other "smart" appliances without the consent of the customer in order to reduce demand at peak times. These smart meters are not only physically (and mentally?) dangerous but they are a tool of the Surveillance State. I urge you to disapprove of APS's plan to charge customers a monthly rate merely for refusing to have their health and privacy invaded by this unelected entity (APS). Thank you for hopefully doing the right thing.

Sincerely,

Ronald Thomas

Arizona Corporation Commission

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